Tech fair hosted by Pacific Technology

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There are various facilities across campus that offer high-tech resources to the student body, but the average student is usually not aware of them. The aim of the yearly Tech Fair, which is put on by interns at Pacific Technology, is to showcase the technology and services available on campus to students, faculty, and staff that may not be very well known.

With the opening of our new, technologically-advanced library, the Tech Fair is especially relevant this semester. There will be information and demos set up to display the new facilities present such as The Cube, a futuristic hub of new technologies like virtual reality and three-dimensional printing for students to use, as well as spotlighting services that have been available for a long time, like Pacific Print.

In addition to exhibiting technology, the Tech Fair aims to make students aware of services available to them.

“The help desk is going to be there. They are going to be talking about how to get free Office 365 and how to contact them if you need help.”

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Redwood grove named after Muir

Eibeck, Jeffery honored with dedication

By Liliana López
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On April 13th, 2019, University of the Pacific attained official ownership of 75% of John Muir’s papers, making this University’s collection of Muir items the largest in the world. The papers were a gift from the Muir-Hanna family, descendants of the famed naturalist. Almost six months later, the redwood grove next to the McCaffrey Center was renamed after John Muir as well as Pamela Eibeck, former president of the University, and her husband, Bill Jeffrey.

The dedication ceremony for the Pam Eibeck and Bill Jeffrey Muir Grove occurred on October 10th, 2019 at 12:00 P.M. Kevin Huber, head of the Board of Regents, opened up the event with a brief speech and introduced former president Eibeck. Eibeck, in turn, expressed her gratitude to the University. Interim president Maria

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Pallavicini also spoke. Among the attendants were a number of Muir descendants, many of whom attended University of the Pacific. A light lunch was catered by Bon Appetit. There has not been much change to the grove, besides the addition of a sign which bears the names of Muir, Eibeck, and Jeffrey.

Dr. Bill Swagerty, history professor and director of the John Muir Center, states that he was glad to see something on campus named after Muir, seeing as the university owns most of his papers.

“I think it [the renaming of the grove] will bring more recognition to John Muir,” Swagerty says. He would also like for an informative sign to be raised next to the existing one, which gives detail about who John Muir was, as well as his relevance to Pacific.

It is Pacific tradition to name something on campus after a president after they have retired or resigned. Burns Tower is named after former president Robert E. Burns and the McCaffrey Center is named after Dr. Stanley McCaffrey (1971-1987). It is no different with President Pamela Eibeck even though there was a student protest and a faculty vote of no confidence against the president during the 2018-19 academic year.

However, the dedication of the grove is a display of goodwill sentiment and amicability between the University, the Board of Regents, and Eibeck and her husband to honor their years of service.

Eibeck was Pacific’s 24th president and the first woman to hold the post since the university was founded in 1851.

“Pacific is very fortunate to have had Pam as president for the past 10 years,” said Kevin Huber ’86, chair of Pacific’s Board of Regents in announcing her retirement. “Looking at what she accomplished and what it will mean for this university for years to come, I think people will be impressed with our success under her leadership.”

Muir Grove is pleasantly shaded with a number of lofty redwood trees, and has picnic tables that can make for the perfect place as an outdoor lunch or study area.
Members of Phi Rho come back to Pacific as Tri Delta alumna

On April 30th, 2019, The Executive Board at Tri Delta temporarily suspended operations of the Phi Rho chapter here at Pacific for a minimum of four years. The suspension resulted in the closing of Tri Delta’s house, leaving only three active social sororities on campus.

Tri Delta’s Fraternity President Kimberlee Di Fede Sullivan stated that the decision was made following “several years of declining membership numbers, which has led to an inability to sustain chapter operations.”

As a chapter that is temporarily suspending operations, Phi Rho still remains in good standing — however, they will not be running their chapter on campus for four years.

As a result, all members of Phi Rho now have statuses as Tri Delta alumnae.

Before the suspension was announced, the Phi Rho chapter was aiming to increase their membership in fear of losing their sorority house, as they were not meeting the desired quota.

The primary focus on recruitment alone is one of the reasons the chapter came to the decision to suspend operations temporarily.

“Almost every Greek organization on campus has to recruit 24/7 now and this is stressful for the Greek community,” the Phi Rho chapter said in a statement. “We had to focus less on sisterhood and philanthropy in order to make house total, which was frustrating for everyone.”

For the girls who received bids in the Spring, they were left with the option of dropping to rush for a different sorority, or to become alumna with the rest of the active body. Political Science major Delilah Freytes ‘22 was one of the girls who was given this option.

“I got to experience how it is to be in a sorority, and the close bonds that we create,” Freytes said. “Deciding to not become a full member of Tri Delta was really hard. It was a very difficult decision and there was a lot of factors that went into it.”

While Phi Rho was struggling with recruitment, they stated that they “didn’t receive contact from the university until after we decided to suspend operations.”

“We met with the university in September to discuss how the university could assist us with our transition and we hope to meet with the university again soon to ask further questions,” they said.

With Greek life recruitment becoming more and more difficult, students who are involved are looking for ways to maintain unity amongst organizations to help promote Fraternity and Sorority life on campus.

“I believe we can reach this place of unity if the individual chapter members start building relationships with each other and come together to support our community,” Pacific Panhellenic Association President Britney Pfafman said. “We need to start thinking in terms of long term impact instead of short term satisfaction.”

In the meantime, Phi Rho alumna who are still on campus are hoping to see positive changes in terms of Greek life at Pacific. “A decline in Greek Life is an issue affecting the whole Greek community. If we want to be a strong, positive & healthy Greek community, we should be willing to support and assist one another so no one has to go through the pain we went through,” they said.
Board of Regents announces tuition hike

Businessman John Chase donates $10 million to CIP, one of largest gifts in Pacific history

By Natalia Gevara
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On October 29, 2019, it was announced that the Board of Regents had approved tuition, fees, room and board rates for fiscal year 2020-21. After careful consideration, the Board of Regents decided to increase tuition for all undergraduate students by 3%, which will go into effect for the Fall 2020 semester.

A year ago, controversy was stirred on Pacific’s campus when the Board of Regents announced a tuition hike for fiscal year 2019-2020. In combination with 93.4% of faculty voting no confidence in then President Pamela Eibeck, and trouble over censorship of the spirit rocks — protests erupted across campus.

In the end, the Board of Regents decided to raise tuition by only 3%, instead of the originally proposed 3.2%. They will follow suit with the same number for the 2020-2021 Academic Year as well.

The 3% tuition increase will affect incoming and continuing undergraduate students in Education (EdD, EdS); Law (JD, JSD, MPA/MPP, MSL, LLM); and Physician Assistant Studies. For Pharm D and Dental students, the increase will be 2%.

“Though I’m sure they have their reasons, it’s unfortunate to see tuition go up again,” Biology major Justin Ho 21’ said. “I think all I could hope is that the money will go to parts of the school that really need it.”

Interim President Maria Pallavicini discussed very briefly what the 3% increase will go towards in a campus-wide email.

“The proposed 3% increase for all undergraduate students will cover our mandatory costs and require us to tap into our reserves,” Pallavicini said. “We will not be able to cover a merit increase for our employees in fiscal year 2020–21 based on current undergraduate enrollment models.”

However, the tuition increase was expected, and does not come as much of a surprise to most of Pacific. Earlier in the semester, ASuop Government held a tuition forum to hold an open discussion with Pacific students in regards to the predicted tuition increase.

Despite this, even if the increase only makes tuition just a tad more expensive, students may still need increased financial assistance. With that in mind, more opportunities have arisen for students to receive aid. This month, it was announced that businessman John Chase donated $10 million to Pacific’s Community Involvement Program. CIP is a need-based scholarship that aims to help first-generation college students from the Stockton community.

“I wanted to do something special, something that had merit,” Chase said “I wanted to do this, and the only thing I want in return is for the students who receive the scholarships is to give back to the communities from which they came.”

Furthermore, Pallavicini expressed that she was aware of the increased financial aid need amongst students.

“The additional aid for continuing students recognizes many continuing students may have increased financial need beyond their first year,” Pallavicini said. “Increased aid for continuing undergraduate students will be directed first toward those with the highest financial need and nearing graduation and then to those in proven need of additional assistance to continue in their degree program.”
Finstas: The Instagram alternative

While your real Instagram might represent what you want the public to see, fake Instagrams represent truth.

By Natalia Gevara
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Instagram is often cited as the source of many people’s insecurities; as Instagram “influencers” flood most people’s timelines with their perfectly facetuned selfies, contoured bodies, and advertisement for vitamin gummy bears that will apparently help your hair grow.

However, this image of sought after perfection is only one side of the coin when it comes to Instagram. The other side is almost the exact opposite, and it’s known as finstagram.

A combination of the words fake and Instagram, many young people now maintain finstas alongside their rinstas — or their real Instagrams.

The purpose? To break from the social pressures of having a picture-perfect Instagram in order to allow a space for users to post what they want.

Young people have finstas for many different reasons, but it’s usually to post funny photos, spam with memes, and rant about the intimate details of everyday life.

“I have a finsta for just a few of my close friends to kind of post whatever I want,” a Pacific student who asked to remain anonymous said. “It’s on private, and I usually post pictures that I think are funny, or I’ll rant about something that’s bothering me.”

Finstas are supposed to be the polar opposite of a person’s real Instagram account. While on a real Instagram account a person posts more attractive photos for show to share with friends, family, and acquaintances — a finsta is typically only shared with a smaller group of close friends, where there is no expectation to post photos that only make your feed look good.

The way I see it, finstas are an incredibly innovative and creative way for people to use Instagram in a way that is less superficial, and more authentic.

“I think on Instagram that people care a lot about what looks best rather than what looks real.”

Anuelle Jumaud
Business major ’21

Influencers are often difficult for any Instagram user to get away from, as they pop up on people’s feeds in advertisements, or on the explore page. Because of this, users can’t escape from the cultural pressure to have an Instagram that makes their life look glamorous as well.

This is how finstas change the Instagram game.

With a more selective following, people with finstas don’t feel the need to cater to an audience. You can simply post things that make you happy, sad, or something entirely random. People with finstas often follow other finstas, to have a feed that is entirely unfiltered and uncensored.

With finstas, users typically pay little attention to the appearance of their accounts.

This is because they are usually very private to begin with. They often use funny names and fake profile pictures — many with the endeavor to conceal their identity as the owner of the account.

In a sense, finstas create a type of safe space where users can be themselves without fear of judgment. Often, people utilize finstas as an outlet to vent about their life problems, or to give close friends honest updates about their lives.

“Finstas are nicer because the pressure to look appealing isn’t there,” Jumaud said. “You can just say what’s on your mind, or post a funny photo, and no one will judge you.”

Essentially, a public Instagram demonstrate to persons that people want the public to see, whereas a finsta represents their true, authentically messy selves.

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Solo singers and bands showcase talent

By Chelsea Iganloc
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Daniel Unterholzner is a Media X major who plays guitar and sings, both original songs and covers. He wanted to perform at Brickyard because he saw it as a good chance to practice his performing skills. After his performance, he hopes to record an album and keep performing. “I once convinced 100 7-17-year olds that I was from Ireland, accent and everything,” says Unterholzner when asked for a fun fact about him.

Chris Chan is a third-year communications major who sang some cover songs as well as original music, accompanied by his own guitar & piano playing!

“I love performing so I knew I had to take the opportunity,” said Chan on why he wanted to perform for Brickyard.

After the performance, he was hoping to meet up other performers and hopefully collaborate with some of them. A fun fact about him is that he spent the entire summer of 2018 in the Galapagos Islands practicing guitar and learning Spanish.

Evan Frisbie sang a combination of original songs and covers for Brickyard! He hopes to continue making music and one day get discovered by a major music label post-Brickyard. A fun fact about him is that he has been performing and singing in ensembles since he was 13!

Gabriel Ojeda is a business major who performed music covers of artists such as Ed Sheeran and had some surprises for the Brickyard! “I’ve performed at the Brickyard before and I had a lot of fun. I really enjoy playing music for my friends here at the University of the Pacific,” says Gabriel on why he wanted to perform for Brickyard. He hopes that through his performances at the Brickyard, he can meet some new people. A fun fact about him is that he spent the entire summer of 2018 in the Galapagos Islands practicing guitar and learning Spanish.

Lotus Lies is an alternative rock band composed of students from Pacific! “I remember reading something on a lotus flower and how it symbolizes rebirth, how it still blooms in the muddiest waters. Lotus Lies seemed to work, and it wasn’t taken by anything, so we just stuck with it,” Vincent Ju says on making the name of the band.
Local restaurants offer student discounts

By Chelsea Igtanloc
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College students are not known for having the most money, so here are some places around UoP that give student discounts!

Bayon Restaurant, located in Riverside Plaza at 2233 Grand Canal Blvd Ste 119 Stockton, CA 95207 is a Vietnamese and Cambodian Restaurant. If you bring your ID, you can get $1 off your whole tab! They serve delicious food and the prices are superb for any college student.

Ike’s sandwiches at Sherwood Mall is a no-brainer! This sandwich place just opened up their Stockton location within the past year and has been a crowd favorite. Students get half off any sandwich Monday-Friday from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM. Each Ike’s location has their own specialized local sandwich, so make sure you stop by and try theirs!

L&L at 4555 N Pershing Ave Ste 33A Stockton, CA 95207 serves yummy Hawaiian food from spam musubis to chicken katsu plates! Bring your ID to get a free drink with your order!

Want delicious ice cream with a discount? Cold Stone Creamery at the Lincoln Center has that for you! Head over and get $3 off any signature cake or pie, or two “Like It” size create-your-own ice creams for $6!

This is one of the best ways to beat a warm day in Stockton, so make sure you get your deal!

Acaí bowls, smoothies, and healthiness galore are also in store! Stop by Nekter at the Lincoln Center for a sweet discount! Show your student ID to get 10% off your entire order of scrumptious treats!

Other Lincoln Center businesses offering discounts can be found by going online to https://lincolncentershops.com/pacific-student-specials/

Mountain Mike’s Pizza also offers a 20 percent discount at their Stockton location on Robinhood Drive to University of the Pacific students and BOGO offer of buy any large specialty pizza at medium one topping pizza for free.

There are plenty of places to eat around Stockton that can fill you up and save your wallet. Every savings counts when you are trying to pay your tuition!
Tigers to host men’s water polo NCAA championships

Golden Coast conference to take place at end of November

By Malavika Raj
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This year, Pacific will have the honor to host the Men’s Water Polo NCAA championships for the first time in history. The competition will take place at Chris Kjelson pool on December 7th and 8th, with tickets starting at about $45.

According to NCAA’s official website, currently Pacific men’s water polo ranks third nationwide trailing behind Stanford (#2) and UCLA (#1).

As of right now, Pacific has not secured their spot to the NCAA finals, but can do so by winning at the Golden Coast conference finals at the end of November.

“We are constantly taking care of ourselves so unnecessary illnesses or injuries occur,” says team member Sebastian Di Giampolo, a sophomore Health Exercise Sports major. “We have kept to the same routines as before with our training and are always with our trainers to keep our bodies in top condition.”

Currently, USC holds the championship title by narrowly defeating Stanford 14-12 last season.

Behind the team’s success is head coach James Graham who is in his 12th year coaching the men’s team and 8th year coaching the women’s team. Graham is considered to be one of Pacific’s best water polo coach in history. Undoubtedly, Graham and assistant head coach Joey Guttkinson are working tirelessly to help bring the Tigers to the finals.

“Our coaches have been preparing us for NCAAs by reviewing videos of ourselves in practice and in games, so we know what areas we are lacking in and what can be improved as a collective group and individually,” says Di Giampolo.

Headed by team captain Andrea De Nardi, a senior Engineering Management major, the tigers successfully beat Santa Clara University, San Jose University, and USC. “Any water polo player that chooses Pacific has, by essence, a great sense of responsibility. There is a history of success in this program, and our role as tigers is to do our best to continue this legacy,” said De Nardi.

When asked about if hosting NCAA places additional pressure on him as captain, he denies it. “My role as captain doesn’t really put any additional pressure; we are very excited about the opportunity of hosting the final 4 on our campus, and we are working every single day to earn our spot in the tournament.”

In collaboration with Visit Stockton, UoP has put in a lot of effort to host the annual tournament, which different schools have been hosting since the tournament started in 1969.

Additional bleachers were added to the Chris Kjelsden pool to accommodate for the crowds.

“The fact that Pacific will be hosting 3 NCAA championships in the next 12 months is not without significance. It reflects the work done by our athletics department and our entire university,” says De Nardi. “This is a pretty big deal and it seems to me that the Pacific community is aware of that fact. A lot of people have shown that they look forward to attending this event, and it is an additional source of motivation for our team.”

De Nardi is a not only a decorated athlete, but a driven student as well. According to his biography on the Pacific water polo site, De Nardi was awarded the NCAA Elite 90 Award and All-GCC Academic selection following his success in the classroom.

When asked about how things will play out during the finals, De Nardi is optimistic, but knows there are still hurdles to jump through.

“The level of league is so much more homogeneous than it was over the last couple of years,” he says about the competition. “We expect this final four to be extremely competitive, but as of right now, our goal is to secure our ticket to the tournament by winning the conference finals.”

Next, the Tigers will be competing against San Jose State University on November 16th @ SJSU.

Photo courtesy of Pacific Athletics

Luke Pavillard, Luis Araya, Engin Ege Colak, Andrea De Nardi and Jay Halva were all honored before the match as each senior scored at least once in the Tigers’ 2019 home finale. Above, they are pictured with family, friends and coaches after the Senior Day presentation that took place Saturday, November 9, before the 19-9 win over UC Irvine. With the win over No. 15 UC Irvine, the Tigers clinched at least a share of the regular season Golden Coast Conference title and will have a chance to claim it outright in their regular season finale at San Jose State on Nov. 16.